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**From 1832
through the
Consecration
of the
2005 Stone Church**





1832-1935 Wooden Church



**1832-1935 Wood Church being torn down by Mr. Paul Jobe
beside the 1935 Duke Rock Church**



1935-2000 Duke Rock Church

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The Establishment of 1832 Methodist Episcopal Church
Thru
The Service of Thanksgiving and Consecration
For The New Stone Church
On
June 5, 2005

PASTORS THAT HAVE SERVED
CEDAR GROVE (UNITED) METHODIST CHURCH

1832	Isaac Haines	1917	Marvin Hester
1837	Addison Lea	1919	J.E. Blalock
1851	W.H. Brown	1923	E.C. Durham
1852	A.H. Johnson	1927	F.A. Lupton
1853	J.L. Fisher	1931	J.W. Dimmette
1854	N.A. Hooker	1933	S.F. Nicks
1855	H.T. Hudson	1940	J.C. Williams
1856	T.W. Moore	1944	K.F. Duval
1857	Henry Gray	1945	J.B. Hurley
1858	S.D. Peeler	1948	Henry B. Lewis
1860	B.F. Guthrie	1953	R.Z. Newton
1862	S.D. Ruler	1956	O.V. Elkin
1863	Alexander R. Raven	1958	Richard Petersen
1864	N.F. Reid	1962	Clyde Tucker
1866	W. Wilson	1963	Tom Gensel
1867	W. Bobbitt	1964	Francis Bradshaw
1870	William Barringer	1966	Carson Wiggins
1871	S.W. Crawford	1969	John Rutland
1872	J.T. Harris	1970	Robert Wallace
1874	H.P. Cole	1974	Buddy Champion
1876	J.H. Wheeler	1975	John K. Young
1880	J.O. Guthrie	1978	Carson Tyson
1883	J.E. Gray	1982	John Litzenberger
1886	L.E. Thompson	1984	Jimmy Tatum
1887	J.G. Nelson	1987	David Harvin
1888	W.H. Pucket	1991	Milton Collier
1892	J.M. Lowder	1995	Ira Smith
1893	D.N. Cavines	1997	Steve Chaney
1896	L. Lutch	1999	Julia Dees
1897	J.M. Terrell	2001	Carl Singley
1898	E.W. Fox	2003	Grace Hackney
1902	J.T. Draper		
1903	Rufus Bradley		
1904	N.C. Yearby		
1905	M.M. McFarland		
1909	C.R. Ross		
1911	J.M. Ormond		
1915	T.M. Grant		

A History of the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church

Thomas Thompson and wife Ann arrived about Aug. 1, 1752 and, as Francis Nash records in his history of Orange County, they settled ten miles north of Hillsborough. John Anderson and his wife Anne Moore were already here. They settled on the Eno River in 1738. The same year in England, May 24, 1738, John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist Church, was moved to go out and preach the gospel. John Wesley's brother, Charles, wrote 6,500 hymns. Ships from England were bringing people of many denominations. Thomas Thompson and wife Ann deeded a plot of land to John Anderson in 1754 for a newly formed "Meeting House". When Hugh McAden, a Presbyterian missionary, came to the home of John Anderson there already was a "Meeting House" for him to preach in. He preached on the second Sunday of August in 1755. The research done for the 1832-1982 history shows the Cedar Grove Methodist Church to be laid in the founding of the Old Eno Presbyterian Church in 1755. These devoted men and women who worshiped together as a body of Christians who were not as much concerned of being Presbyterians as they were believers in Christ and his teaching. Their chief concern was that the spirit of God was abiding in them.

In 1780 Bishop Asbury preached in Hillsborough. We wonder if the people of Cedar Grove went to hear him preach. Bishop Asbury traveled about six thousand miles on horseback and became the first Methodist Circuit Rider in America. The preachers of the Methodist Church were soon called the traveling Methodist. Some of the traveling preachers came from Virginia.

The North Carolina Circuit was formed in 1776. The North Carolina Circuit was divided as Roanoke, Tar River, and New Hope. Not only were Leasburg and Cedar Grove connected by preachers but by schools and trade. Cedar Grove was also near a Christian school, Pleasant Grove or Mount Pleasant Academy. Daniel W. Kerr moved his school from Wake Forest to Orange County Jan. 15, 1836 near the present Mount Zion Christian Church. In 1838 James Clark announced Fairfield School, about three miles south of Cedar Grove, was ready for scholars. As Kathrine Nicks McDade wrote in the history written for the 150th anniversary celebration, "I speak of other nearby denominations because I believe our church is born of the Spirit of God found in the hearts of these early settlers who became the forefathers of many denominations."

Joseph Allison, the first Cedar Grove post-master (1826), and John Kelly gave land for the first Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church and it was organized the 9th day of May, 1832. Trustees, Joseph Allison, Thomas Taylor, William Maris, John Kelly, Hunter McCulloch, and Ira Elllis were directed to build the Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in 1834. The church built at this time faced the east and had only one door. The pulpit was in the west end of the church. Our first pastor was Issac Haines. Often a log "Meeting House" was built until a church could be built. In 1843 the names of John McDade, Ashal Moore, Henderson McDade, Mary Moore, John A. McDade, Samuel P. Moore, George A. Ellis, John J. Allison, William H. Brown, and Thomas Anderson were associated with the new church.

After the Civil War, times were difficult and money was scarce, but the Cedar Grove Methodist Church began a building program. In 1876 the small church was enlarged by an addition on the south side. Two doors were placed facing the south. The men entered by the left door and the ladies entered on the right. The men sat on the left and the ladies on the right. The amen corner was on the left of the pulpit and the choir sat on the right of the pulpit. John A. Finley was overseer of the building and repair work in the 1876. Daniel Graham made seats, altar, and pulpit for \$89.00. John S. Pope, treasurer, kept records of the money taken in and money paid out until July 27, 1876. Thomas Cox Ellis kept records of the building project until July 1880. Total money paid out was \$499.98. Cash received was \$398.35. The amount due was \$107.63 plus 6% interest to be paid by 1880. Times were very difficult and the amount was paid in four installments. (I mention these figures to help us keep everything 125 years later in perspective.) The first record of a church Festival was a Sunday School Festival held to pay off a building debt for the rebuilding done in 1876. The amount of \$45 was raised. We still use this method today of

having a Harvest Festival to raise money for the church. There was a special Sunday School Conference of the Durham District held in Chapel Hill, N.C. on August 1, 1884. J.J. Taylor reported a very good Sunday School at Cedar Grove between seventy five and one hundred scholars-well attended by parents and children-used church literature. He stated, "The Sunday School is an aid to public worship."

At a Durham District Conference held on July 29, 1885 at Leas Chapel in Person County near Leasburg, Rev. J.E. Gray reported, "The churches at Hillsborough and Cedar Grove are well kept, no parsonage.... Some members drink something besides water--no dancing."

An interesting bit of history took place on Aug. 31, 1886 during a revival service at the Cedar Grove Church. During the church service an earthquake caused the church to tremble and the people rushed out of the church. The tremor that night was known as the Charleston Earthquake. About ninety percent of the Charleston, S.C. buildings were damaged.

One of the most beloved pastors was W. H. Pucket (1888-1892). He encouraged the people to learn new hymns. His beloved wife, Alice Pell, was remembered for her lovely alto voice. The ladies cried when Rev. Pucket and his wife moved away.

Maude Rogers Liner remembered going to Cedar Grove Methodist church in a wagon drawn by two mules. She said all of the members had big families and came by wagon loads. She recalled the singing of the choir, the shouting at revival times and the happy occasion of Children's Day. One father told his little girl that he would take her to Sunday School on third Sundays but that the horses would have to rest on the other Sundays.

Rev. M.M. McFarland (1905-1909) was well liked and had a good sense of humor. One day he visited one of his members as his friend was killing hogs. As Preacher McFarland watched him salt down the hams, his friend said, "Preacher, I'm salting down this ham for you." The preacher walked around the board table thoughtfully. Then he looked up with a twinkle in his eye and said, "If you don't mind, I'll carry that ham right on with me today." He got his ham.

By 1911 Rev. J.M. Ormond (1911-1915) and his wife, Katrina Kern, moved to Hillsborough from Leasburg. All of people at Cedar Grove loved Rev. Ormond. Dr. Ormond loved the rural Churches and later served as Director of the Rural Church work of the Duke Endowment. He supervised the Duke students who went out to assist the minister in the country churches. Today The Orman Center of Excellence in Ministry at Duke University is named for Rev. J.M. Orman. The Cedar Grove Methodist Church has been home to many student ministers. Only two of our student ministers, as far as the records show, actually came from our church and community to go on to become ordained Methodist ministers. They were Rev. Robert L. Nicks and Rev. James P. McDade.

Dr. H.W. Moore spoke of remembering Rev. T.M. Grant (1915-1917) and Rev. Marvin Hester. (1917-1919). Dr. Moore recalled arriving at the church early one Sunday morning. He watched closely while a man cranked his Model T Ford. The Model T backfired and the crank spun back in the opposite direction causing the man to fall forward against the car and this caused a bad gash. The Drug Store was located a short distance from the front of the church. Dr. Claude M. Hughes sewed up the wound on the front porch of the Drug Store. Dr. Hughes rode horseback over the community to heal the sick. He was one of the best friends the people of Cedar Grove ever had.

Rev. E.C. Durham (1923-1927) was the first pastor to live in Cedar Grove. The churches on the Cedar Grove Charge were Cedar Grove, Walnut Grove, Carr and Prospect. The parsonage was built in 1924 on the land given by Carl McDade. Henry Liner helped build and supervise the work of John and Arthur Finely, John C. McDade, Jim Hawkins and W.H. McDade. This parsonage was built the same year as Aycock High School. Rev. Durham is remembered for his singing and his poems. Rev. E.C. Durham, Cooper Compton, James Compton and Arthur Finley sang together.

Rev. F.A. Lupton (1927-1931) and his wife Rena Lupton led many to a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. He and his wife Rena reared a family dedicated in service. A judge and two doctors came from this family.

Rev. J.W. Dimmette's (1931-1933) daughter, Pattie, became a missionary. She married Inman U. Townsley at the Duke Chapel, August 20 1937. She and her husband left after the wedding to sail for the Congo as missionaries.

At the third Quarterly Conference June 4, 1934, application was made for a permit giving us the privilege to build a church at Cedar Grove, to appoint committees and solicit donations. At the fourth Quarterly Conference Oct. 26, 1934, Rev. S.F. Nicks (1933-1940) reported the application to the Duke Foundation Fund for \$3,000 had been granted in full; the building committee had been appointed and that the estimated cost of the church was \$10,000. Rev. Nicks stated that the church would be to erect the church in 1935.

Between forty and fifty men at different times worked on the construction of the church. Robert Earl Hughes was a Presbyterian but he worked along with his cousins and uncles. Charlie Oakley did the blasting of the stumps and rocks. Charlie Oakley, also, built the field rock gate that served as the entrance to our church cemetery. Sometimes there were eight or ten mule teams being used as the men dug the basement. Will Tinnin, Frank McDade, and James Compton hauled logs all day from Will Moore's farm. The weather was so cold the wagons never did break thru the ice-covered mud holes. They carried the logs to the sawmill located on Willie H. McDade's farm. They were already sawing the pine logs given by W. H. McDade for the frame of the church. Lewis and Lee Kennedy hauled lumber to Fitch Lumber Co. in Mebane to be dried and dressed. When the lumber was ready they hauled it to the church. The rocks were hauled from Fletcher Pittard's farm for the basement. These hard dedicated workers made the basement walls two feet thick. May 5, 1935 it was reported, "The wall is now up to the foundation level and the frame work is to be erected on the following week."

It was determined that Duke had given the rock at the Duke Quarry in Hillsboro to the state to be used for building state roads. As Rev. Nicks stated in his handwritten history of the building of the church found in the 1935 church timecapsule, "Mr. Sandy Graham, who at that time was Lieutenant Gov., and Mr. Carl Forrest of Efland gave valuable assistance in securing the stone." The Cedar Grove Methodist Church was given permission to use the rock. Since only state trucks were allowed in the quarry, they hauled the rock to the church.

Joe and Josh Woods of Winston Salem were skilled masons and were hired to do the masonry of the church. Bob Lynch was hired to shape and break the rock. The men boarded with Ed and Ella Murphy and Tom and Lela Oliver. Thomas Finely and Lewis Taylor made the mortar. John F. Finley made the rafters on the ground. Fletcher Pittard supervised the raising of the rafters. It took six men to raise the rafters. Henry Liner was a most capable and patient overseer of the whole building program. He read and explained the blueprints of the architect, H. N. Haynes.

An interesting part of the history of the Duke rock church was that Paul Jobe took down the old wood church and in return for the lumber wired the new church. A picture of the old wood frame church being taken down directly beside the Duke rock church is on display in the church. Whitted and Sons did the plastering. Dan Graham and sons painted the church and contributed their work. For many years they continued to paint the church as needed.

The Duke Endowment made it possible for the church to be built. We really appreciate what they did for us. When C. B. Markham, Assistant Treasure at Duke University, would send the pastor, Rev. S. F. Nicks, check of \$881.25 covering one installment of the appropriation, he would state that \$118.75 had been deducted for the architect fee. The people were to raise an equal amount before another installment was to be paid from the Duke Endowment.

It was hard to raise money in the thirties. The James and Cooper Compton families, the Henry Pope family, and the Carl McDade family planted the Lord's Acre. The profit was given to the church. Walnut Grove and Carr churches also grew the Lord's Acre. Throughout the community there were gifts of time, work, and money. A record of donations was kept. There were 219 donations ranging from five cents to two thousand dollars two hundred ten dollars and fifty cents. These hand written records were saved and can be seen on display at the church. It was good for people to work together contributing pews, windows, and the Bible as memorial gifts. This same method of giving has been used for our new church as well.

The dedication of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church took place on Oct. 29, 1939. Bishop W.W. Peele of Richmond, Virginia performed the dedication. F.S. Alridge, District Lay Leader, led a Rally of the Cedar Grove Charge. Rev. A. J. Hobbs was District Superintendent. Rev. S. F. Nicks invited former pastors. Picnic lunch was served under the oak trees. Virgil Queen, the Duke student who had assisted the pastor, spoke in the afternoon.

Other work had been going on in the Cedar Grove Charge. Prospect and Carr churches had been painted. A new stone church at Walnut Grove was nearing completion. Rev. M. T. Plyer said, "Under the care of this devoted Methodist minister churches have made progress, uplift came to the people, and comfort filled their homes. Few men know so many people and have been in so many homes in all this section as has S. F. Nicks."

May 31, 1936 our Sunday School was declared 96 years old. By way of an old record of 1840 James Compton (who remarkably held the position of Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years) read on that day. But since schools existed in the community before our church was organized no doubt the Sunday School began at least by 1832. Emily Watson is given the credit of starting the Sunday School for children. In the cemetery we find:

In Memory of Emily Watson

Born October 27, 1811

Died November 1, 1879

We find many remarkable endeavors by the people and minister in these years during the thirties. One of these was mentioned in "The Pastor" December 1940. While at Cedar Grove, Rev. S.F. Nicks in his words, "Recently we put on a bus that serves 40 to 50 children every Sunday. Many of these children are underprivileged." These would be wonderful numbers and a worthy accomplishment for recent times. In the same article Rev. Nicks spoke about his country ministry. "I have greatly enjoyed my work these years. The country people are very congenial and hospitable. They have a little more time to spend with their pastor than do the people of towns and cities. I like to see crops and wild flowers growing, the squirrels playing on the lawn and hear the birds sing. I think Christ, who came that we might have life more abundantly, must have enjoyed the country." Rev. S. F. Nicks, his wife, Emma Woods, and several of their six children made Cedar Grove their home for seven years. One daughter, Kathrine Nicks McDade, made Cedar Grove her home for the rest of her life.

Rev. J. C. Williams (1940-1944) was pastor during WWII. The people in the Cedar Grove community made many sacrifices and suffered heartaches during these years as men and women volunteered their services.

Rev. K. F. Duval (1940-1945) opened the parsonage to meetings of the church; especially to the Women's Society of Christian Services.

Daisy Fuquay, the wife of Rev. J.B. Hurley (1945-1948), was from the Prospect community. They had a personal interest in the church. Many wonderful families lived in this community. The pastor and his wife made a good team as they worked together in all the churches.

Rev. Henry Lewis (1948-1953) and his family were much loved by our community. Rev. Lewis was our minister during a transition when many were leaving the rural areas. This situation shows how a rural church has contributed members to the Methodist Churches in town. A member is not lost if he continues to serve God in any church. One of the favorite verses of Rev. Lewis was, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Jesus Christ." Phil. 2:5

Rev. Lewis and his wife, Sara, have recently passed away. Memories of Cedar Grove still live in the hearts of their daughters, Jean and Ann. Jean recalls that no matter where they moved after leaving Cedar Grove when asked where they were from they always answered "Cedar Grove". For many years Jean and Ann would talk to their husbands endlessly about their Cedar Grove memories. After hearing about Cedar Grove for years, Jean brought her husband to the village. They drove from Pender Store to McDade Store. Jean said, "OK, we can turn around and go back." Her husband astounded after hearing of Cedar Grove for so many years said, "You mean that was it." You just had to grow up on or near that two or two and a half mile span of road to know the feeling Jean and Ann still have. Jean recalls her love for "Aunt" Ella Murphy, a sweet, longtime member of our church.

Rev. R. Z. Newton (1953-1956) and his wife gave enjoyment to everyone with their talks on Alaska. They also had a way of reaching the hearts of people who needed comfort.

During these years in the mid fifties to early sixties, the church membership and the MYF seemed to do very well. Memories of wonderful revivals stand out. The music especially was very inspiring to a young person growing up in the Cedar Grove Methodist Church during these years. We had a very active choir led by Janie Pope who remarkably was our choir director for forty-seven years. I, like Mrs. Maude Liner, loved our church revivals. Hearing the sermons and music and seeing members and nonmembers come to the altar at the end of the service to rededicate their lives to Christ were times that filled our hearts with God's love. As a young person, I loved watching Margaret Wright and Ruby McDade sing; the sheer joy of what they were doing could be read on their faces. The music of Ralph Compton, Jr. has been the greatest contribution to our church. Ralph's first time to play for a church service was at the age of fifteen. At the age of seventy-five, he is still blessing us with his wonderful organ music. Dedicating his talent to the glory of God shows us that we too need to give our talents in the service of God. Ralph's brother, Joe, gave his beautiful singing voice to the glory of God and we were so blessed to hear him sing for many years. "Miss" Annie Compton (Ralph's mama) taught the kindergarten and nursery Sunday School Class for many years. We all remember those Cradle-Rolls.

In 1958 the Cedar Grove Charge was divided. Walnut Grove and Carr became one and Cedar Grove and Prospect became the other. Rev. Richard Petersen (1958-1962), a Duke student, was our scholarly, energetic minister during this time. He was filled with the power of God and did more work than seemed possible. He was a scholar and tried to teach us more about the church and its mission. We studied biographies of John Wesley and Martin Luther. His wife Barbara was a joy to know. Rev. Petersen worked hard with the young people. The MYF seemed to thrive during the years Rev. Petersen was with us. Rev. Petersen had it as his aim to know the members personally by visiting them in all their homes. Not all pastors do this. The pastors who learned to know the people as they worked appreciated the community more.

Rev. Petersen mailed this memory of Cedar Grove. "When I arrived in Cedar Grove in 1958 to be pastor of the church, I soon learned that the telephone had arrived in Cedar Grove only five years before we did. It was a new gadget, and few knew what to do with it. Folks would still hop in their cars and drive over to someone else's farm to talk with their neighbors. They never considered using the phone. I found myself doing the same things. We shared our phone with nine others on a ten-party line. Among the others were Gordon and Frannie Liner, Polly Pope, Charlie and Lorraine Langston, Don and Jean McDade, The High School Principal's home, the Aycok High School, the McDade Store located a little way north of the high school, and a few others. We only heard Polly Pope's ring. We did have a dial, but we dialed only four numbers. We had a three-minute limit on the use of the phone, and then we were cut off. Outside the parsonage we had a fuse box, and the phone company (which served only Hillsborough, Efland, and Cedar Grove) furnished us with fuses because every time we had a thunder and lightning storm the fuses would burn out. Nevertheless, we never had a problem with anyone, and I guess the reason was that nobody ever really used the phone." Recollections such as these make histories delightful and memorable.

Our church was very fortunate to have Rev. Clyde Tucker (1962-1963) and his family with us for one year. When a preacher is a messenger from God, one year can be priceless. The Tuckers, from Chile, brought us closer to the work of missionaries and to the country of Chile and to Christ.

Rev. Tom Gensel (1963-1964) and his wife made close friends among the young couples. It is interesting to note different preachers reach different people. That is God's way of working thru them.

Rev. Francis Bradshaw (1964-1966) was a preacher of the third generation. The lives of his Grandfather, Mike, and Father, Bobby, blessed him in his ministry. In the verse, "Draw nigh to

God and He will draw nigh unto you,” we see God working and we can see and feel God at work in the lives of these dedicated men.

Mildred Finley gave an acre and a half of land for a new parsonage. Those serving on that building committee were: Harris Pope, chairman, R. Cooper Compton, Sr., Oscar Compton, Glenn Caruthers, Howard Pittard, and Kathrine McDade. James Parker was finance chairman. Our current parsonage was built in 1966 for \$18,500.

Rev. Carson Wiggins (1966-1969) and his family made many friends in the community and many young people became active while he and his family were here.

Rev. Bob Wallace (1970-1974) and the smiles of the Wallace family made Cedar Grove a happier place. The young people were soon playing softball. In 1971 Rev. Wallace encouraged members to be better friends by having a church directory. In 1974, a new Cedar Grove Methodist Church Year Book was printed. Rev. Wallace and his sweet wife, Chris, and their children still return to Cedar Grove functions such as the Harvest Festival. We are always glad to see them.

Rev. Buddy Champion (1974-1975) and his wife, Kathryn, seemed to be a part of our community immediately. His family had great love for people.

Rev. John Young (1975-1978) and his family came to us from Milton. Rev. Young studied Family Counseling and spent many hours helping people who sought his advice. When Rev. Young had an operation, he found that he lived in a caring community. A Duke student, Mark Wethington, and his wife, Bobbie, helped wonderfully. Mark took over the job of preaching for Rev. Young. It was amazing how well he and Bobbi worked with the youth fellowship and the youth choir.

Rev. Carson Tyson (1978-1982) and his wife Peggy had great faith in God. His cousins Bobby, Tommy, and Vernon have preached in our church. The Evangelistic work of this dedicated Tyson family is prompted by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Tyson encouraged the remodeling of the basement of our church. Sam Evans was given the contract with approval of the Administrative Board of the church. The Basement Committee included: Bill Ray, Chairman; Edna Caruthers, Eloise Rountree and Kathrine McDade. Inflation prices caused the remodeling of the basement to cost more than the building of the church. The cost of the basement was \$15,636.59. The cost was high but it was a job well done.

Miss Mildred Finley, Cedar Grove Postmistress, longtime Sunday School teacher and choir member, passed way July 11, 1978. Miss Mildred's greatest hobby was the love of books. After her death Thomas B. and William L. Finley gave Cedar Grove Methodist Church approximately six hundred books providing the church a wonderful library. The fourth Sunday of June 1979 the library was dedicated. William Finley presented a memorial saying, "In memory of Mildred Finley we present to this church this memorial to be dedicated to the Glory and Praise of God." In closing the dedication, Rev. Tyson responded, "In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this memorial to the Glory of God, and in memory of thy servant Mildred Finley; in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Rev. Tyson was our minister during our 150th Anniversary Celebration held on Homecoming Sunday, May 16, 1982. Bishop William Cannon and District Superintendent Barney Davidson participated in the service.

Rev. Charles Lizenberger (1982-1984) was quick to learn who we were. He had a sense of humor. He loved being around children.

Rev. Jimmy Tatum (1984-1987) Jimmy had a strong faith well honed by his divinity school experience. He taught us with a sense of humor. His interest in hunting and fishing helped to endear him to many in the congregation.

Rev. Tatum, as John Wesley, rode Phillip Dabb's horse, Super B, for our Days Gone By Celebration. Edna Caruthers was Susannah Wesley. John Hughes led a Camp Meeting under the oak trees.

Rev. David Harvin (1987-1991) brought a connection to the conference that helped us to better use their resources.

Rev. Milton "Tony" Collier (1991-1995) was a very enthusiastic and engaging preacher. Rev. Collier was very faithful to visit members in the hospital. While Rev. Collier was our minister, the church built a wheelchair ramp and an alcove entrance in the back of the church. This construction was paid for by generous donations from church members and Duke Endowment.

Frances Griffin remembers, "At one time before the millennium there were five members who were more than ninety-five years old. They were Mr. Gaines Liner, Mr. Bill Pope, Mrs. Marvel Kennedy, Mrs. Nellie Miller, and Mrs. Estelle Haley. Mrs. Miller lived to be 104 years, 9 months and 23 days old. Mrs. Haley lived to be 103 years, 10 months and 13 days old."

Rev. Ira Smith (1995-1997) was a very loving preacher. Rev. Smith was faithful to visit shut-ins and felt he gained from them as much as he gave.

The dedication for our beautiful church sign was held on Homecoming Sunday, May 18, 1997. Tom Rountree and Donnie Rountree and family generously donated the church sign in memory of Eloise Rountree. The Rountree family has and continues to be wonderful members of our church. Eloise was a tireless worker in our church and community. Mrs. Lorraine Langston Porterfield, also, donated the sign in memory of Charlie Langston and their son Dwight Langston. Mr. And Mrs. Langston and family were longtime members of our church and Mr. Langston was the Agriculture teacher at Aycock High School for many years. Our former minister Rev. Buddy Champion was our guest minister for the Homecoming service.

Rev. Steve Chaney (1997-1999) brought enthusiasm and vigor of youth to his ministry and grew along with us.

Rev. Julia Dees (1999-2001) exposed us to charismatic approach to worship and continually engaged us in the study of the word and our spiritual walk. She supported us with enthusiasm and prayer as we responded to the flooding in Belvoir. When Hurricane Floyd ravaged the eastern part of North Carolina with a great flood on Sept. 17, 1999, a group of members from our church went to Belvoir to help the victims. John Hughes said our church group helped to feed the people in this flooded area for seven days. God's work was surely being done. Money, clothing and cleaning supplies were donated.

Sadly, in the early morning hours of December 11, 2000, the beautiful Duke rock church built by our forefathers burned beyond repair. Many members gathered during the night and the next day in disbelief. Many cried and comforted one another. John Hughes found himself in the difficult position of trying to stop a fire that could not be stopped. John and his sweet wife Charlotte have been faithful members over thirty years. On that sad December day, John's words were in the hearts of many. He said, "I think the true emotion hasn't hit us yet. We've lost our gathering place. That's probably the biggest emotional loss. We need to re-establish that." Over the next weeks and months the kindness of so many was heartwarming. Offers of help came immediately. The Cedar Grove Ruritan Club offered the use of their building. Walkers Funeral Home in Hillsborough offered the use of their chapel. Eno Presbyterian Church invited us to worship with them. Fairfield Presbyterian Church offered their facility and we have worshiped in that lovely church since 2001.

Rev Carl Singley (2001-2003) was very knowledgeable and used biblical history in his sermons. Rev. Singley's wife, Jan, was a wonderful educator. She was a gifted teacher of Disciple Class. The early stages of building our new church began while Rev. Singley was here.

On September 11, 2001, life changed. The routineness of our lives changed that morning. We wanted to be near our families and grieve with the rest of our country. The importance of building a church seemed to be put on hold. After a period of time, we began to ease back into our lives.

Many decisions needed to be made. More land was obtained and it was determined that the new church would be built on the original site. The Tise-Kiester Architectural Firm was hired. Phillip Kiester is the architect for our new building. Lewis Crabtree has very ably chaired our building

committee. He would be the first to admit it has taken a huge effort from many. We will never know the hours of work, the many miles driven, or the sacrifice these committee members have made. We must continue to thank them and show our appreciation. The Interior Committee chaired by Paula Crabtree and Terri Stinson did a wonderful job. These decisions were not easy and many hours were given. A Kitchen Committee was formed and their efforts are evident in our modern, lovely kitchen. The tireless work of the Fundraising Committee Co-Chaired by Sam Hobgood and Vicki Compton is and continues to be beyond comparison. Vicki Compton has organized with the help of many others an endless list of meals from which much money has been raised. Edna and Glenn Caruthers serve as Treasures of the Building Fund and have handled all the donations and have responded with hundreds of cards of appreciation. A donation and memorial book is being prepared and will be on display at the new church. All of the hard working committee members are listed at the end of this history. There are many who though not serving in name on a committee have given much of themselves in the many different capacities needed to get us where we are today. All are greatly appreciated.

Rev. Grace Hackney (2003-) came to us with her sweet family directly from Duke Divinity School. Husband, Tony, daughter, Sara, and son, Zac all have been wonderful and refreshing additions to our church community. Even though we are Pastor Grace's first church, her wisdom far exceeds her experience. Pastor Grace has facilitated much of our progress in rebuilding our church.

Again, wishing to leave no one out but feeling this generous and touching donation should be mentioned. At the beginning of our building process, the John H. Wilson Grading Company leveled the remaining walls of the old church and filled in the basement. Tommy Wilson gave all of this costly grading work in memory of Larry Oakley, Peggy and Dwight Oakley's son.

Our Ground Breaking Service was held Sunday, October 19, 2003. This was our first real sign that our new church would really be built. Harris Pope was our oldest groundbreaker and newly baptized Kylee Harris was our youngest. Paula, Keith and Will Crabtree represented our young family on this tent filled, sunny day. Our Burlington District Superintendent, Rev. Rodney Hamm, took part in the service.

Sparrow Construction was hired to oversee and build our new church. Many good things have been said about this company and there is much evidence to substantiate what has been said. Sparrow hired the Mountain Stone Company and Mr. G. D. Mace to do the beautiful stone masonry work.

The time capsule found in the wall of the old church was opened with much anticipation on July 11, 2004. Sadly, some of the materials were water damaged. A Tar Heel Star News from April 1939 was salvaged. An Orange County News from Thursday, November 2, 1939 with a wonderful article on the dedication of the old Duke rock church was saved. Seven handwritten pages by Rev. S. F. Nicks giving a history of the building of the old Duke rock church were saved and are a treasure. The wording of this document has been joyfully reconstructed and, along with the original writings, will be on display at the new rock church. A reconstruction of those seven pages has been included in this history. Seventy cents in coins from 1930 and 1939 were found in the old time capsule. These were placed back into the time capsule of the new rock church.

The laying of the cornerstone for our new church took place during the day on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 10:00AM. It was a very warm day but a wonderful number of members attended. Pastor Grace led us in devotion, music and prayer. Lemonade provided some relief from the heat.

The time capsule for the new church was placed in the church on October 24, 2004. Many wonderful written articles, historical documents, the church directory, pictures, and objects were placed in the new time capsule. Mr. Wade Griffin, with much skill, made our time capsule and Walker's Funeral Home and Glory Enterprises out of Greensboro donated a Wilbert stainless-steel vault. The air was chilly on this October day but as a large number of members gathered for prayer and song and you knew each felt the excitement knowing many years from now grandchildren and great-grandchildren would joyfully open this hand-welded capsule. The List of items placed in the new time capsule is available in the historical display at the new church.

Along with the wonderful help from Duke Endowment and over five hundred and sixty-five donations, our church was built. Many gifts of furnishings and windows have been made as was done in the building of our two previous churches. These donations have come from far and near. We are so humbly thankful and greatly appreciative of so much generosity.

This process has been a community effort. It is amazing how many parallels we find in life. Julia McDade Oakley told of the forest fire that began in Efland on Saturday before Easter in 1893. Nannie and Emma Woods were walking from Caldwell Institute to their home and saw the smoke. Julia McDade's mother Martha Maris McDade, gave breakfast to the men who had fought the fire all night long. The fire burned the Eno Presbyterian Church and the Compton Mill. Rev. W. F. Wilhelm preached to the members of Eno at the Methodist Church on the fourth Saturday and the fourth Sunday after the fire. The Presbyterian Church was an almost new building being only fourteen years old. It was a tremendous loss to the community. In a short time, plans were made to erect a new building in the village of Cedar Grove. In the meantime, the Methodist and the Presbyterians were spiritually blessed as they worshiped together.

The Cedar Grove Ruritan Club, the Eno Presbyterian Church, and the Fairfield Presbyterian Church have shown by their actions that we are certainly a community in Christ.

Pastor Grace came to us with boundless energy and genuine love for her fellow man. Along with these qualities in our pastor and God's love we will soon be in our new church building.

The quaint little Fairfield church has been our home for four and half years. There has been something peaceful about looking out those beautiful old windows. As we look to moving to our new church on May 1, 2005, we can be mindful of Pastor Grace's words, "We should be humble and thankful for our church building and use it as God would have us do so."

Joy and excitement will be filling our hearts as we first enter into our new building. We will strive to be an open, loving, giving church family and good stewards of our community. These are worthwhile goals for this new church building and our church family.

The beautiful morning of May 1, 2005 turned out to be the Sunday we moved from Fairfield to our new church. Before we left Fairfield to drive together to our new church, Pastor Grace presented Charles Waddell with a gift of appreciation from our church family to theirs. Pastor Grace said Fairfield was an example of Christian generosity and love.

Sunday, May 1st a stream of cars left our quaint Fairfield home to begin our new life in our new church building. As we entered our new church pastor Grace read from Psalm 122:1: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Pastor Grace did not pick the scripture for this our first Sunday in our new church. The scripture for the sixth Sunday of Easter had been determined many years ago. The scripture already chosen for this Sunday was so fitting. Psalm 66: the last part of the 12th verse "... we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place."

Glen Caruthers presented Ralph the key to the new church organ. As Glen stated, Edna Caruthers and Ralph represent over one hundred years of dedicated service to our church by Ralph's playing and Edna's beautiful soprano voice.

The first song Ralph played after offertory was Amazing Grace. The beautiful sound of those chimes will remain in our hearts.

The Gospel Lesson was from John. As Jesus comforted his disciples, we are also comforted by these beautiful words.

John 14:1-4:

"Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whether I go ye know, and the way ye know."

It seemed providential for us to move in our new church on this day.

Sunday, May 15th was our first Homecoming on Pentecost Sunday in our new church building. We were honored to have Bishop Kenneth Carder, Director of The Center for Excellence in Ministry at Duke University. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the formation of the church. What an appropriate Sunday. Bishop Carder urged us to listen to and live the words Christ has given us. Such as the above scripture in John 14 and John 13:34, "And a new command I give you: Love one another."

Pastor Grace spoke about the flames we were given as we entered the church. The flames were turned down rather than up. The flames that consumed our old church came from the earth up. We now have the flame of God's Love and Spirit coming down to fill and renew our hearts. Pastor Grace, also, spoke about this "piece of land". Land has meant so much to many here on this day and the land was our mothers' and fathers', grandmothers' and grandfathers' life's work. This "piece of land" holds a special place in those hearts gone before us, ours hearts and in the hearts of future generations. The inscription on our cornerstone reminds us of how we should use this special "piece of Land": To His Honor and Glory

Our Service of Consecration and Thanksgiving will be Sunday, June 5, 2005 at 3PM. We will be honored to have North Carolina Conference Bishop Al Gwinn, Burlington District Superintendent Rev. Bill Gattis, and Director of Rural Church Division of Duke Endowment Rev. Joe Mann to join us on this awaited day. Pastor Grace and Rev. Bill Gattis will lead the service. Our speaker will be Bishop Al Gwinn.

An explanation of a service of consecration from the United Methodist Book of Worship, "We will be setting aside this building to God's glory, asking that this be a holy place and that within its walls, we can be formed as Christ's Body, able to go beyond the walls to be Christ for the world."

Our children, youth and adults will present a special anthem. The anthem is called "Look Around." Certainly we all will be looking around our new church building and taking in the beauty and the feeling of almost being wrapped by loving arms. 'Lizabeth Collins and Margaret Griffin are directing the music.

Wonderful food and fellowship will follow the service. We thank the ladies of the church for what we know will be wonderful refreshments.

Diane Schmith has worked hard on two beautiful and inspiring pictorial scrapbooks taking us from the fire that destroyed our quaint Duke rock church to Consecration Sunday for our new rock church. These wonderful books will provide a detailed glimpse of this period in our churches' history for now and generations to come. These will be on display for all to enjoy.

Dwight Oakley took his camera with him to work each day during the building of the new rock church. He would stop and record the progress. This wonderful pictorial record is on display to browse thru.

Remarkably, we do have items not lost in the fire from our church history. We, also, have on display pictures, old documents, records, and other memorabilia for all to see.

A most interesting experience happened to John Hughes relating to the church. Lay leaders going to Quarterly Conference were asked to bring a rock from their church. John walked to the church grounds and gathered a beautiful, though slightly heavy, stone. John decided this might be a little large to transport to Fayetteville. He walked back and picked a smaller, flat stone. John carried the stone to conference and placed it with the others from different churches. John returned home with the stone and placed it on his front porch. In the fall of the next year, John was relaxing on his porch and picked up the rock. When John angled the rock he could see a name etched on the surface. This name was J. H. Liner. Mr. Henry Liner, father of Jean Liner McDade, was the foreman of the building of the 1935 church from the beginning to the end. This stone is one of our items on display. What a wonderful sign of how the Lord guides us in our lives.

Some of the items not damaged in the 1935 rock church time capsule are on display. Seven handwritten pages from Rev. S.F. Nicks describing the history of the building of the 1935 rock church were saved from the time capsule. These are on display and an easy readable version is on display and included in this history.

This congregation has done what our forefathers did seventy years ago. Found in those seven handwritten Rev. S. F. Nicks writes in describing the members, “The people had a mind to work and the task was joyfully done.”

Written by

Kathrine Nicks McDade

Irene Pender

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CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Nomination of Lay Leadership, 2005

Administrative Council (Including those listed, at large members and chairperson)
Administrative Council Chairperson-----Diane Schmidt
Lay Leader-----Robyn Whitman
Lay Member to Annual Conference ----- John Hughes
Alternate Delegate to Annual Conference-----Robyn Whitman
Recording Secretary-----Gerry Compton
Church Historian-----Jo Westbrook
Youth Representative-----Chiara Gledhill
UMW President-----Vicki Compton
Church Treasurer-----Lynn Hobgood

Members at Large of Administrative Council

Lisa Jordan	Paul Compton	Lewis Crabtree
Mildred Kennedy	Glenn Caruthers	Frances Griffin
Donnie Rountree	Dwight Oakley	Harry Pope
Deborah Pope	Bret Williams	
Charlotte Hughes		

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chairperson: Pastor Grace Hackney

Lay Leader: Robyn Whitman

2005	2006	2007
Lynn Hobgood	Charlotte Hughes	Kathy Shambley
Harry Pope	Martin Rigsbee	Faye Crabtree
		Terri Parker

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

2005	2006	2007
Jane Gledhill	Dwight Oakley	Chair: Martin Rigsbee
Wade Griffin	Miriam Wells	Dec Compton
	Mildred Kennedy	Lisa Jordan

Lay Member Annual Conference: John Hughes
Lay Speakers: Tony Hackney, Martin Rigsbee

Lay Leader: Robyn Whitman

Trustees:

2005	2006	2007
Chair: Johnny Shambley	Kathy Blythe	Vice Chair: Troy Rountree
Charles Whitman	Edna Caruthers	Julie Williams
Paul Compton	Phillip Dabbs	Roy Schmidt

WORSHIP

CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC

Ralph Compton has been our faithful, wonderful organist for 60 years.

Gerry Compton gives us the blessing of being our wonderful pianist.

‘Lizabeth Collins is our dedicated, gifted choir director. ‘Lizabeth works in many areas of church service.

Choir Members

Edna Caruthers	Lisa Jordan
Betty Compton	Mike Kight
Dwight Compton	Phyllis Long
Jane Gledhill	Carol Lovingood
Wade “Boss” Johnson	Roy Schmidt
	Gerry Compton

In addition to the wonderful music provided by our choir, pianist and organist, we also have other wonderful musicians. The talents of Phillip Dabbs, Martin Rigsbee, Roy Schmidt, and Elizabeth Bahnson, our wonderful ministerial intern who thankfully keeps coming back to us, are a blessing to our church.

COMMITTEES AND WORK AREAS

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson: ‘Lizabeth Collins; Members: Grace Hackney (Pastor), Lynn Hobgood (acolytes), Ralph Compton (Organist), Paul Compton (Head Usher); Vicki Compton (Flowers); Diane Schmidt (Ad. Council Chp), Chiara Gledhill (Youth Rep), Martin Riggsbee

Acolytes:

Sammy Hobgood	Drew Tilley
Emmet Hobgood	Eric Compton
Lillian Lovingood	Kira Harris
Rachel Whitman	John Frankllin Pope
Morgan Lea	Anderson Pope

Ushers:

Paul Compton: Head	Wade “Boss” Johnson
Harry Pope	Geoff Gledhill
Sam Hobgood	C.T. Pope

NURTURE MINISTRIES

Chairperson: Ralph Compton, Vicki Compton (College and young adult), Kim Pope (Children and Youth), Charlene Watson and Vicki Tilley (Senior Adults), Deborah Pope and Nina Collins (Nursery), Jill Rigsbee (Parish Nursing), Kim Lindgren and Vivian Rountree

The Nurture Committee covers many areas. This committee provides enjoyment, care, spiritual and medical needs of not only our church family but the community as well.

Flowers are given to all females on Mothers' Day and apples are given to all males on Fathers' Day.

Sympathy cards are sent to those who have lost loved ones. Vicki Compton said in the future this committee wants to make sure those young people in college are kept informed about church news thru the newsletter and personal contact.

Our monthly Wednesday night suppers are organized by the Nurture Committee.

Charlene Watson and Vickie Tilley provide one of our most needed and appreciated ministries that being the care of our senior adults. This year the seniors were given a wonderful meal at the home of Joy and Bob Kwapien and Roberta Meadows. Other times the seniors gather for a covered dish meal. Charlene is good to take our seniors different places or pick things up for them. Birthday cards are sent to our senior adults. Caring for the elderly is a wonderful way to serve our Lord.

Under the Nurture Ministries Committee is Parish Nursing. Jill Rigsbee serves in that wonderful capacity. Jill is on a continuous rotation of visiting those in the hospital and in nursing homes. There have been times when Jill has taken time from work to be with those who were very ill or dying. Jill feels that helping the spiritual needs of those at this time is just as, if not more important, as medical needs. Jill, also, helps our church members and our community including Eno and Fairfield by teaching wellness and healthy lifestyle classes, CPR classes, child and infant classes. She holds a health night for women. In the future there will be a class on stroke prevention and advance directives.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Co-Chairpersons: John Hughes and Jane Gledhill; John Hughes and Jamie Griggs (Disaster Preparedness); Jill Rigsbee (Native American Ministries); Carolyn Rachel and Vivian Rountree (OCIM Reps); Paula Crabtree (Ten Dollar Club Rep.); Vicki Compton UMW Rep.; Betty Compton (Bishops Initiative on Children and Poverty); Joy Harris, Tony Hackney, Lee Hollowell.

As with the Nurture Ministry the Missions and Outreach Ministry provides local needs and this committee helps with far reaching needs. Members of our church have worked on Habitat For Humanity Projects. We collect can goods from our church for Food of The Month for OCIM. Vivian Rountree and Carolyn Rachel represent our church at Quarterly OCIM meetings. Our church contributes to OCIM fundraisers such as sidewalk sale items and the OCIM Golf Tournament.

We have a dedicated group called Carpenters for Christ. A good number of hardy members meet at Lee Hollowell's home and cut wood for folks in need of firewood during the winter. This group tries to help three families with such things as heaters, fans, winterizing, and even remodeling a basement.

We sponsor Stanford Middle School and donate back to school supplies.

This year after the hurricanes we filled buckets with much needed cleaning supplies to be taken to the hard hit areas.

Under the Missions and Outreach is the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty. Funds have been generously provided to our church and thru the wonderful hands and care of Betty Compton these funds reach those in need. School staff, individuals, churches and other agencies in the community notify Betty when a child or children are in need. Once the need is identified whether it is eyeglasses, clothes, or other items Betty then facilitates the method in which the funds will reach the child in need. We are blessed to have Betty and these funds made available in which to do this good work.

Jane Gledhill has gone to St. Johns in the Virgin Islands. She went as of representative of our church.

We are a Rainbow Covenant Church meaning that we give in five areas.

At Mebane's Chapel Church in Hillsborough we help Mebane's Chapel members serve dinner to anyone who wishes to come. This is done during the Christmas season. Kelly Akins of Kelsey's and Occoneechee Steak House generously provides the food.

Until I began this journey, I was not aware of all the many wonderful works of this small rural church and community.

I'm certain there are many folks who go about quietly doing good works that we will never know about. The good Lord will know. Such as, Oscar Compton helping workers on his farm. Dwight Oakley not only helps with the ham ticket sales for church fundraisers but he helps to raise funds for many who have faced tragedy. I know Peggy is quietly helping as well.

Betty Compton has been a part of our community for over forty years. I just read where the Compton family has been farming their land since 1734. That goes back further than any record of even a "meeting house". Dwight, Dec, and Bob continue that tradition. Betty has been a big part of that life but she has also been someone we all felt we could call on whether it was a sick child or a dying parent. Her medical knowledge and her sweet Christian love is a true gift from God for our community.

WITNESS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Chairperson, Mike Kight; Dwight Oakley; Dwight and Betty Compton; Paula Crabtree, Joy Harris, Vivian Rountree, Robyn Whitman, Marianne Kimbro

Mike Kight as chairman of this committee has thoughtfully written some wonderful practical guides that this committee and all Christians can use in sharing Faith.

Just to touch on a few of these guides Mike has written:

"Ask God to increase your love for lost people.

Reach out to others in a way that fits who you are.

Don't just share your faith show it.

Live a humble, authentic life surrendered to Christ.

Show our faith by serving people in practical ways." Carpenters For Christ is one example of this.

"Be prepared to explain God-Simplify". The Book of Romans provides some wonderful verses to help.

These points Mike has written will be a good foundation to use in our Witness and Evangelism Ministry.

I love the inscription found on an ancient stone:

"All that we have seen gives us Faith in all we have not seen."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Co-Chairpersons: Steve Tilley and Carol Lovingood (Children), John Hughes and Kim Pope (Youth), Robyn Whitman (Adult)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent-	Steve Tilley
Nursery-	Vivian Rountree and Cindy Pope
Pre-School-	Charlotte Hughes
Early Elementary-	Carol Lovingood
4 th , 5 th and 6 th Grades-	Lisa Jordan
Junior High/ High School	John Hughes
Adult Class-	Charles Whitman and Steve Tilley

Since the loss of our building faithful teachers and Sunday School members have carried on without a church building. With our new building it is felt our Sunday School will grow. Steve Tilley tells of plans for a Sunday School Fall Kick Off for sometime near the end of August. Social events are being planned, themes for classes are being discussed, and ways to make personal contacts are being thought thru. There are needs such as classroom furnishings and supplies. Ways to fulfill these needs are being planned.

Attending Sunday School gives a wonderful foundation in character building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Geoff Gledhill; Lynn Hobgood (Treasure); Deborah Pope (Financial Secretary); Martin Rigsbee (Pastor-Parish Relations Chairman); Johnny Shambley (Trustee Chairman), Robyn Whitman (Lay Leader); John Hughes (Lay Member Annual Conference); Ex-officio, Finance Committee (no vote) Building Fund Committee Treasure: Glen Caruthers; Harvest Festival Treasure: Jean McDade; Cemetery Fund Treasurer: Rachel Pope; Bishop's Initiative: Betty Compton

Each year this committee guides our church in meeting our financial obligations. Over the last four and one half years the finance committee has been in the difficult position of balancing the church budget while the church has been involved in a huge building project. Under the leadership of Geoff Gledhill, the finance committee has accomplished this task with wise and prudent judgment.

PARISH HOUSE/PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Functioning as a sub-committee of Trustees; Chair of the Trustees to serve as Trustees Representative: Johnny Shambley, Chairman of Trustees; Vicki Compton, Frankie Pope, Frances Griffin, Rachel Pope, Donnie Rountree, Billy Hoover, Joy Kwapien.

The parsonage for the last four and one half years has served as Sunday School classrooms, pastor's office, and a place where committees held meetings. Under conditions in which we have

a pastor living in the parsonage a walk thru by the committee and pastor is done every year and a wish list is made. This is taken to annual conference.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Functioning as a Sub-Committee of the Trustees
Glen Caruthers, Harry Pope, Gordon liner, Paul Compton (Trustee Rep.), C.T. Pope

The care of the grounds where loved ones are buried is important to all.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Functioning as a Sub Committee of the Trustees
Chairperson: Lewis Crabtree; Secretary 'Lizabeth Collins; Dec Compton, Harry Pope, Martin Rigsbee, Steve Tilley, Frankie Pope, Kathy Shambley

Surely the good Lord had a hand in having this group of people in place when they were needed to accomplish the daunting task of building a new church. Led by Lewis Crabtree, this committee accomplished this huge undertaking. We will never know the troubles encountered, the miles traveled and hours given by the members of this committee. In researching this history, each time the building of a new church was talked about, even the building of our earliest church, the first thing put in place was the appointment of a building committee. This is a group of people, in the generations before us and in our generation, given the task of making the big decisions. Thank you for enduring and for your wonderful accomplishment.

BUILDING FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Functioning as a sub-committee of the Trustees
Chairpersons: Sam Hobgood and Vicki Compton; Paula Crabtree, Secretary; Pam Pittman, Trustee Representative; Glen Caruthers, Edna Caruthers, Deborah Pope, C.T. Pope, Donnie Rountree, Margaret Nichols, Betty Compton

This group has worked so hard and accomplished so much. Vicki Compton gives so much time, energy and leadership to this committee and many other areas of the church. She organizes, with the help of many others, countless meals and fundraisers. Sam Hobgood is there to help prepare and donate food especially for the "Hearts On Fire" dinner and dance. This committee organizes the sale of food at auctions to raise money for the church.

The first mention of a church Sunday School Festival in 1876 was to raise money for the remodeling of our original log church. Our Harvest Festival remains our largest fundraiser. The delicious turkey, dressing and vegetables draw folks from near and far. How many biscuits has Betty Compton made?

The beautiful quilts quilted by the ladies of the community and donated by the UMW are always a wonderful item to bid on. The handmade items by Charlotte Hughes, Gordon and Frannie Liner and Mavor Godfrey's fried apple pies are items we enjoy looking for every year. My daddy always loved to buy Mavor's sweet potato pudding. We all enjoy Sam Hobgood encouraging two bidders to keep going higher. How much do Betty Compton's pickles go for? These memories keep those gone before us alive in our hearts. We are making memories such as these for our young people. So much hard work goes into the success of our Harvest Festival. The last years the men have worked hard to prepare the huge white tent and all the chairs for the auction and

under Vicki Compton's guidance the meals are always wonderful. It will be a blessing to have our Harvest Festival in our new fellowship hall this year.

Membership Secretary-Jo Westbrook

A new church directory was completed this year. From the directory an email list was derived. Many church members can be contacted at one time by email. The new directory enables us to send newsletters to many members.

We hope to start a membership visitation in the future.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

President-Vicki Compton; Secretary-Carol Lovingood; Treasurer-Rachel Pope

Other Members-Kathy Shambley, Margaret Nichols, Edna Caruthers, Betty Compton, Joy Harris, Lynda Graves, Kathy Blythe, Jo Westbrook, Jane Gledhill, Paula Crabtree, Jill Rigsbee, Joy Kwapien, Roberta Meadows, Diane Schmidt, Polly Pope, Jean McDade, Grace Hackney (Pastor)

The UMW pays for the church dues to OCIM. They donate a quilt to the Harvest Festival and participate in the World Day of Prayer. The UMW pays the five dollar shipping charges for the church wide giving of shoe boxes to the Franklin Graham Ministry at Christmas. The UMW were in charge of providing Christmas wishes to young people at the Burlington Youth Home. The giving to the youth home was a church wide endeavor. Several of the young people from the youth home have been attending our services. The UMW are presently working on a new church cookbook. Vicki Compton uses the list of members of the UMW to call when food needs to be prepared for a family dealing with illness or death

YOUTH IN ACTION

Youth Leader: Kim Pope

Youth Members: Sammy Hobgood, Emmet Hobgood, John Franklin Pope, Anderson, Pope, Rachel Whitman, Lillian Lovingood, Ben Efland, and Ben Smith

Our youth meet on Sunday afternoons from 5-6.

A strong focus in this group is on character building.

The youth volunteer for our annual Hearts on Fire Dinner. Fun activities are scheduled throughout the year.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Leaders: Jane Gledhill and Lizabeth Collins

Youth Members: Chiara Gledhill, Nina Collins, William Collins, Jeffrey Compton, Zac Hackney, Luke Jordan, Chris Lindgren, Ean Faison, Chassie Faison

Our young people participate annually in The Pilgrimage held in Fayetteville. Over six thousand youth come from all over North Carolina for this event in Fayetteville. Jane Gledhill says this event is very inspiring for our young people and their leaders. Our young people go to Lake Junaluska for Jubilee Weekend. Just being in this beautiful place brings one closer to our Lord. The church youth are involved in service work and fundraisers for the church.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Northern Orange County and Hillsborough's first Relay For Life for the fight against cancer was held in May, 2002. Tonight, May 20, 2005 will be our fourth relay. The Cedar Grove United Methodist Church has had a team, "Moovers and Groovers", each year. The Hillsborough relay has raised over \$393,000.00 in the last three years. I continue to be amazed by the giving of this essentially rural community and the work done by so many, especially our young people. Each life has been affected in one way or another by this disease called cancer. This year our lives were touched by the loss of the young life of Polly Ann Pope. Certainly there were other church members, family members, and community members whose lives were taken by this disease. By cancer advocacy groups teaching lifestyle changes and by research, someday the answer will be found. It takes money for this to be accomplished and our church is helping. The church team has fundraisers, individuals raise money and the night of relay we sell hotdogs and bake goods. This year's team includes: Dwight and Betty Compton, Vicki and Paul Compton, Paula and Keith Crabtree, Becca and Claudio Battaglini, Rachel and Harry Pope, Leslie Pope, Debra Pope, Mike Kight, Jo Westbrook, Margaret Nichols, Carol Lovingood, Kathy Shambley, Kathy Blythe, Terri Parker, Lee Hollowell, CT and Cindy Pope. To each of these individuals thank you for this wonderful work you are doing.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Vivian Rountree and Charlotte Hughes started this event as a result of Disciple Class. For two years this has been a time when the women of the church can gather in the beautiful natural area of Chestnut Ridge Camp. Sharing with each other Christ's love in our lives has been a blessing. It is wonderful getting to know each other in this setting. We enjoy wonderful meals together. Pastor Grace has been in charge of devotions and activities. It has been a wonderful time to get to know Pastor Grace and other women of the church and community.

MINISTERIAL INTERNS

We have been blessed to have ministerial interns with us over the last year.

Elizabeth Brahnson and Nichol Woodley were with us in previous months. We welcome our new intern, Jessie Shuman Larkins.

Elizabeth Brahnson will be with us a while longer to share her wonderful spirit and musical talents.

We can learn from these young women as they walk their journey to follow Christ.

NEW CHURCH COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES FORMED FOR THE BUILDING OF OUR NEW CHURCH

INTERIOR COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: Paula Crabtree; Co-Chair: Terri Stinson; Building Com. Rep.: Elizabeth Collins Faye Crabtree, Edna Caruthers, Ralph Compton, Margaret Nichols, Richard Stinson, Betty Compton, Pam Pittman, Diane Schmidt, Jill Rigsbee, Rachel Pope

This committee had the unenviable task of choosing the furnishings and color scheme from so many choices. The warm color tones of nature used and the beautiful oak wood give one a good feeling when being in our church. Our forefathers used hard oak flooring throughout the old Duke rock church. Thank you for such beautiful choices.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Members: Vicki Compton, Margaret Nichols, Rachel Pope, Edna Caruthers, Terri Stinson, Richard Stinson, Building Com. Rep: Frankie Pope

The kitchen committee has done a first rate job in designing our beautiful and very functional kitchen. I know over the years many will enjoy the fellowship we will share in this space.

CORNERSTONE AND TIME CAPSULE COMMITTEE

Members: Glen Caruthers, Ralph Compton, Jane Gledhill, Frances Haley Griffin, Wade Griffin, Keith Liner, Gordon Liner, Jean Liner McDade, Mac McDade, Charlie Oakley, Harry Pope, Jo Westbrook

What a wonderful group of people to work with. Included on this committee were daughters, sons, granddaughters, grandsons, and a great-grandson of the forefathers who built much of the 1935 rock church. We, also, had a sweet, knowledgeable fairly newcomer to the community on our committee. It was especially important to have a young person and some of our older members on this committee.

Wade Griffin needs special thanks for handcrafting our time capsule.

Thanks to our church members for helping with the items included in our time capsule.

We found ourselves having to be ready to place the Cornerstone and the Time Capsule when our builder was ready for each to be done. Special thanks needs to go to Harry Pope for his many hours of leg work and many hours driven to make sure we had everything in place for our builder. Thanks to Pastor Grace for the very wonderful ceremonies she prepared for the laying of the Cornerstone on August 24, 2004 and for the burying of the time capsule on October 24, 2004.

CONSECRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: John Hughes

Members: Pastor Grace Hackney, Vicki Compton, Paula Crabtree, Johna Hughes, Martin Rigsbee, Jo Westbrook, Robyn Whitman, 'Lizabeth Collins, Ralph Compton

John Hughes and Pastor Grace have guided us thru the steps to make this day possible.

Our Consecration Service will be held June 5, 2005 at 3:00PM

Invitations had to be printed.

Members of this committee have been responsible for sending invitations to former ministers and invitations to the many who gave wonderful donations and memorials to our building fund.

Vicki Compton is in charge of the refreshments being prepared for the many expected for this service.

Parking is the responsibility of this committee. Parking will be coordinated by use of vans, carpools, the Ruritan parking lot, parsonage, and part of the Eno parking lot.

Pastor Grace has the huge responsibility of preparing the programs and organizing the service.

Ralph Compton will have beautiful flowers in place for this day.

'Lizabeth Collins and Margaret Griffin have been preparing special music.

Since this history is dated before our Service of Thanksgiving and Consecration we will have to add more details of this special day at a later time.

A description of speakers and music is found in an earlier part of this history

This day will be so meaningful to all attending. Our church family and community look to this day with great anticipation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/ THANKS AND REFERENCES
TO THOSE HEPLING WITH THIS HISTORY

Kathrine Nicks McDade
Irene Pender
1832-1982 History Written For The 150th Anniversary Celebration
Bible
1940 December Issue of "The Pastor"
Bishop Kenneth Carder HomeComing Sermon-May 15, 2005
May 2005 CGUMC Newsletter
John & Sharon Liner-Dove Communications, Inc. Printing
Durham Morning Herald
Charlotte and John Hughes
Vicki Compton
Frances Griffin
Pastor Grace Hackney
Jane Gledhill
Lynn Hobgood
Kim Pope
Steve Tilley
Mike Kight
Rachel Pope
Edna Caruthers
Troy Rountree
Vivian Rountree
Mac McDade
Paul Compton
Ralph Compton
Rev. Richard Petersen
Jean Lewis Beacham
Diane Schmidt
Keith Liner
Jean Liner McDade
Kenneth Westbrook
Paige and Russell Westbrook

APPRECIATION

All Donations and Memorials Given To CGUMC

Sparrow Construction

G.D. Mace- Mountain Stone Masonry

John H. Wilson Grading

Tommy Wilson

Walkers Funeral Home

Cedar Grove Ruritan Club

Eno Presbyterian Church

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Glory Enterprises

Lewis Crabtree

Roy Wilkerson Grading

Paul Wilkerson

Rocky Wilkerson

Junior Wilkerson

Milton "Pete" Rhew

Keith Liner

Chip Liner

Dwight Compton

Dec Compton

Bob Compton

Pam Pittman

Ben Blaylock

Dwight Oakley

Johnny Shambley

Donnie Rountree

Troy Rountree

On a special note about Troy, he told his daddy, Donnie, in the beginning of this process that this project, from a financial standpoint, might not be what they should undertake. Donnie explained that they would do this work and that someday Troy would be glad. I know Troy is proud, as we all are, of a job so well done and I know Vivian and Donnie are proud of Troy. Troy hauled all of the old church away. The filling of the basement of the old church did not pass inspection initially because of moisture content. This work had to be redone with loads of sandstone donated by Ben Blaylock. Troy did the grading of the parking lot and set the rock for the paving.

Committee members and others have been acknowledged throughout the writing of this history.

This has truly been a joyful learning experience. There is always the fear someone's name has not been mentioned that should have. This history will be ongoing and I know other stories, information, and individuals will be added as we go.

We are in the wonderful position of living our lives as Christ would have us live. As a result, children, young people, and others will witness Christ's love in us.

Jo McDade Westbrook

SEVEN HANDWRITTEN PAGES WRITTEN BY REV. S.F. NICKS

FOUND IN THE 1935 DUKE ROCK CHURCH TIME CAPSULE

**THESE WRITINGS DESCRIBE THE BEGINNING OF THE BUILDING OF THE 1935
CHURCH TO THE DEDICATION SERVICE HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 1939**



Rev. Samuel F. Nicks

Some Facts Relative as to the Building of the New Stone Church at Cedar Grove

In the fall of 1933 when I was sent to Cedar Grove Charge as pastor I found just a one room building somewhat a "T" shape. The main auditorium had been built longer than anyone could remember. The best estimate was one hundred years or more. The front had been built at a later date possibly sixty years. The top was in very bad shape the entire building needed repair. To give an estimate of the value of this old building it was sold for eighty dollars. That was to an electrician for part payment in wiring the new church. New church had been talked of for a number of years and efforts had been made to start subscriptions and in the young peoples fund was found around \$70.00 with which to start the work. However no effort had been made to start on the work. I having built a stone church on the work Brooksdale Charge near Roxboro had some experience in stone. Also I had secured aid of \$2,500 from the Duke Foundation Fund. With this experience a stone structure was advocated by the pastor. This found

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but little encouragement at first. I was able to secure a donation of \$3,000 from Duke Fund with the condition we erect a stone church with ample auditorium space and eight Sunday School rooms. This having been obtained a building committee was appointed with permission from the quarterly conference to solicit subscriptions and erect the building. A blue print was secured from H. N. Haynes the structure architect on church buildings as our church built using aid from the Duke Foundation Fund was required to be built according to their specifications. There was much delay in that the committee and the congregation felt that they never were and never would be able to erect a church that would cost from ten to twelve thousand dollars. Finally they were induced by the pastor to accept the donation on the plans for erecting the building according to the architect H. N. Haynes. Then the work began in earnest. A saw mill was placed in the woods of Mr. W. H. McDade and with his large donation

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together with that of many others around fifty thousand feet of lumber was sawed for the new church. Large quantities of sand was hauled by many different members to the church which was all donated. At first we thought of using white flint stone as we had at Allensville Church. Which had lately been erected. That type of stone being rather scarce other type of stone was investigated. There was a large lot of stone over near Hillsboro at the Duke quarry left over from the erection of Duke University and Duke Hospital. Effort was made to secure this stone but it had been turned over to the state to be crushed and used on the public roads of the state. Mr. Sandy Graham who at that time was Lieutenant Gov. and Mr. Carl Forrest of Efland gave valuable assistance in securing the stone. When the Duke Foundation had turned the stone over to the state provisions were made that no other but state

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trucks could enter the quarry. This was met with making arrangements with the state to allow the state trucks to haul the stone for us which they did at a very low price of \$1.00 per truck load. We first had 300 loads hauled but later ordered fifty loads in the same way.

Mr. Joe and Josh Woods were secured to lay the stone. They were from Winston-Salem. Large quantities of work was donated of which we have not definite records. However, Jas. and Charlie and Cooper Compton, C.C. McDade and boys, John McDade and boys, Robert Anderson and boys, Charlie Oakley and boys, Harris Pope, Gaines F. Liner, Tom Watkins and son, Earnest Taylor, Bristo Taylor, Wade Caruthers, Henry McDade, George Miller and bro. Henry Compton, Arthur Wright, Daws F. Wright, Ed Wright, Willie McDade, John Stewart, Robert, Pete and all Allison, Dan Graham and boys.

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Mr. Buckner, Williams Pore work at saw mill.

Sam Dark, Leon Robertson, John and Arthur Finley, Allen Westbrooks.

Glad to say several colored men of the community donated free labor. Especially those living on the farms of Willie McDade and James and Cooper Compton.

We want to make special mention of him. Henry Liner in that he was our foreman from beginning to the final end of the work. Also the work of bro. Dan Graham in that he and his boys donated the work of all the painting for he entire building program. Donating much of the paint.

One interesting fact about the work. The entire floor space of the building is covered with hard oak flooring. This flooring was

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by Will Moore, Willie McDade and others. The cost of this material which was around seven thousand feet was \$24 for first sawing it into rough lumber. With free labor it was hauled to Mebane where Fitch-Riggs Lumber Co. killed, dried, re-sawed, and dressed for the sum of \$53 dollars. A total sum of \$77.00. In this way in using free labor and many donations we were able to erect a building really worth around twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars with the use of actual cash of around 12 thousand dollars.

The people had a mind to work and the task was joyfully done.

The windows were all taken by individuals as memorials. Many of the pews and some of the classroom furniture was taken on the same way.

Bro. Willie McDade was the largest supporter of the building program. He donated more than two thousand dollars and left

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two thousand dollars in his will as an endorsement of Cedar Grove Ch. To ever remaining for the people and the pastor.

Written hurried by the pastor
S. F. Nicks, Pastor

Nov. 23, 1939

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THE HERALD-SUN/BILL WILLCOX

The Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, located northwest of Hillsborough, was destroyed late Sunday night by fire.

Landmark Cedar Grove church destroyed by fire



Keith Liner, son of Frannie and Gordon Liner, witnesses what remains of the church he attended. His grandfather, Gaines F. Liner, was one of the men who helped to build this beautiful old church.



The stone altar was made from the previous church building. Many thanks to Chip Liner, who donated his time in helping the children and youth select the stone for the altar, and for the work he did to build it. We also thank Danny Hall, who donated the materials and his time in welding together the form around which the table was built. This table will be used as a center of prayer and worship during the construction, and as an outdoor worship space after the completion of the building.



Burlington District Superintendent Bishop Rodney Hamm Breaking Ground at our Ground Breaking Ceremony held Sunday, October 19, 2003. Pastor Grace and Lewis Crabtree, Building Committee Chairman look on. Altar Cross made by Gordon Liner and painted by the children and youth. The altar cross depicts the life of Christ as well as symbols of our faith.



Harris Pope Breaking Ground



Will Crabtree Breaking Ground with his parents Paula and Keith helping



Construction of new tower at church



View from Cemetery of Construction



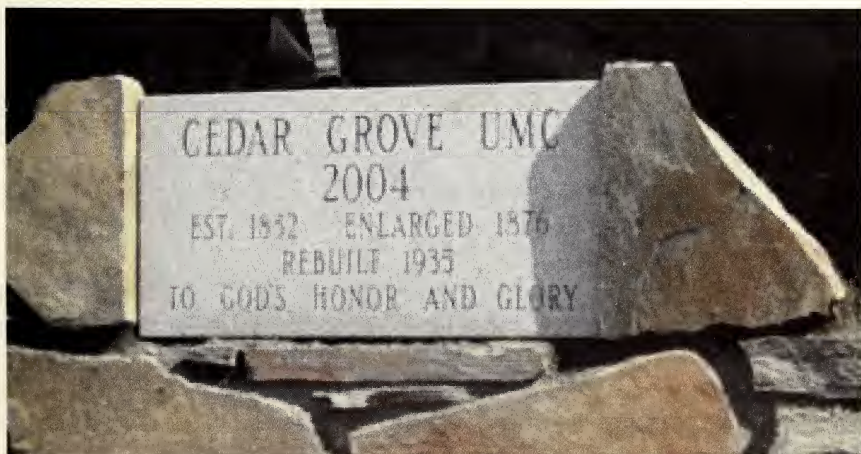
Frances Griffin, Mildred Kennedy, Pastor Grace, Oscar Compton, Glenn Caruthers, Jean McDade and Miriam Pope watch as Jo Westbrook removes contents of the 1935 time capsule



Anticipation of the opening of the 1935 time capsule
Jean McDade, Miriam Wells, Jo Westbrook, Mary Elizabeth Jones



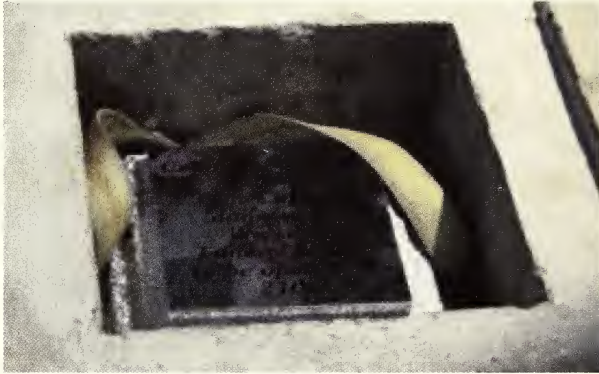
Pastor Grace leading the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone.
Mr. G. D. Mace, our wonderful brick mason, looks on.



Cornerstone



Pastor Grace leading in worship at the ceremony for the burying of the time capsule in the new church



Time Capsule in Place



Members gather after coming from Fairfield before entering our new church building for the first service on May 1, 2005



2005 New Rock Church



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